

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 25, with the following paragraph:

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In order to solve the above-mentioned problems, according to the present invention, there is provided a peripheral unit management system for managing a plurality of peripheral units by a peripheral unit manager via a network wherein each of the plurality of peripheral units has a serial number and a unique ID number to distinguish it from other peripheral units and is connected to the network for communication between the manager and the peripheral units, comprising: a unit for determining whether or not one of the peripheral units has been replaced by communicating with the respective peripheral units and reading respective serial numbers and ID numbers of the peripheral units, and a unit for obtaining new data of a peripheral unit when the determining unit determines that the peripheral unit has been replaced, or reusing data being accumulated in ~~another~~ the peripheral unit when the determining unit determines that the peripheral unit has not been replaced.

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